

Take Me Out To The Ballgame



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Editor

If ever there were a poor choice for a sports write-up, it would be yours truly. More inclined to cover my face than reach for an approaching ball (I mean, I know I have a slim to none chance of catching the thing, so I might as well protect my money maker), I've never had an interest in sports, be it as a player or a spectator. So, I wasn't thrilled when I saw my Rotator duties had me up to bat (am I even using that correctly?) for the Padres program. Luckily, Wayne Partello, the team's Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Office, offered an engaging presentation, not just on baseball, but on the Padres relationship to our community as a whole. But more on that in a sec.

PBR (President Bob Russell for those who are unfamiliar with my acronyms) called the meeting to order on National Goof Off Day, appropriate given the number of members that had opted for Padres jerseys over suits that Thursday. Longtime member **Sandy Purdon** delivered a moving IM on the integral role his father played in desegregating the Navy. Commander Eric S. Purdon broke the stereotype that African Americans could not be effective fighters alongside Samuel Lee Gravely Jr., the first black admiral to serve in the US Navy.

The news was sponsored by **Tracy Sundlun**, CEO (Chief Everything Officer). As the countdown is on for Opening Day, **Mark Burgess** was happy to report that the Padres are currently tied for first place. Or last, if you're a glass-half-empty kind of person.

Last Wednesday evening, **Suzy Spafford** was interviewed on KUSI News. Preparing to take her rightful spot at the crystal podium, Suzy did Rotary proud, talking up Club 33 and Camp Enterprise. Suzy narrowly escaped a PBR fine by remembering to don her Rotary pin on her lapel pre-interview. <http://www.kusi.com/san-diego-rotary-club->

A reminder to take a look at the Club 33 Roster. If it's the same photo that appear-

-ed in your high school yearbook, it's time for a new one. Should this be you, have your photo updated at this Thursday's meeting.

Don't forget to save the date for District 5340's annual conference, taking place on May 4-5 at Knott's Berry Farm. If you're lucky, you just might catch my speech again. (PBR please don't fine me for the self-publicity; I did it for Rotary!) And if you'd like to add another stamp to your passport, the Rotary International conference will be in Toronto from June 23-27. Although I can't guarantee a good time because I'm not speaking at that one. Yet.

The Presidential Minute honored W. Wade Ambrose, the club president from 1950-51. Wade was the first son of a Club 33 Past President to also serve as president. During his term, we introduced the tradition of giving a memento to the Rotarian visiting from the furthest distance. It was also the year a San Diego Rotarian was responsible to installing Rotary road signs, something that can now be seen around the globe.

Congratulations to **Paul Hartley** who was named 2017's Agent of the Year for the Point Loma/Ocean Beach Realty Association. As Paul is such a "fine" person in this "fine" organization, PBR recognized his "finess" by fining him \$500.

On Sunday, April 8, SDSU, in conjunction with the San Diego Symphony, will perform a mega-concert. Featuring over 250 musicians, singers and dancers, this will be the largest off-campus, non-sporting event in the school's history. The concert's proceeds will support scholarships for music education students. **Patti Roscoe** will be generously joining **Ben Clay**, **Suzy Spafford**, **Julia Brown**, **Joyce Gattas**, **Debbie Day**, **Alan Spector** and **Martha Gilmer** in making a donation to our Foundation as a fine for the promotion. Only 11 spots remain on the yearly fishing trip, which birthday boy **Bob Fletcher** guaranteed would go fast. Taking place from

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Next Meeting

March 29, 2018

**M.O.S.T.
Mercy Outreach
Surgical Team**

Club 33 members Tom Vecchione, Bill McDade, and Doug Arbon will give us an overview of one of our longest-standing projects and its impact to thousands of young children in Mexico over the past few decades. This committee, with volunteer anesthesiologists, surgeons, nurses, operating room technicians, pharmacists and many others, corrects cleft lips, cleft palates and other issues, for children who have limited or no access to health care. M.O.S.T. provides care and compassion during week-long outreach missions in the heart of southern and central Mexico. Each mission uplifts the spirits, self-esteem and prospects of nearly 300 patients. (You'll want to bring some tissues to this program. It's always an emotional one.)



Nick Bernal
Chair of the Day

2018-2019 Rotary PAC GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications are due March 30. If you have any questions, please contact [Paul](#) at the Rotary office, or PAC co-chairs [Dick Troncone](#) or [Mike Caruso](#). [Click here](#) for the application.

QUICK BITS



Thursday, March 29 is Picture Day for the 2018-19 Member Directory.

This will be your one and only opportunity to have a professional photo taken either before or after our meeting.



Club 33 Tennis Friday, April 20 4-5:30 pm at the SD Tennis & Racquet

Club. All levels of play are welcome! [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.



Attention, Rotary Anglers! The next Club 33 Fishing Trip is scheduled for September 18th

with a 4pm departure time. We will be fishing all day on **September 19**, and returning on **September 20** at 7am. We will be fishing on the Searcher out of Fisherman's Landing. Please email or call [Bob Fletcher](#) with questions or on how to register. Space is limited so it isn't

BIRTHDAYS

March

Frank Pavel	29
Gayle Hom	30
Christina Gustin	31
Chuck Duddles	31

April

B.J. Williams	1
Andrea da Rosa	1

THE BALLGAME

September 18-20, at an all-inclusive \$495, you're sure to walk away with more tuna than you know what to do with.

Chairwoman **Jackie Meyer** delivered a moving recap of her experience at last weekend's Camp Enterprise. Walking away from another successful year, Jackie challenged us to trade our expectations for appreciation as she took us through the journey, both from her eyes and those of student Hunter. The Club 33 Singers sang her off with a poppy rendition of the Camp Enterprise song.

Although mother of Chair of the Day **Deirdre Maloney** doesn't have grandbabies, she does have grandbooks, which Deirdre, an accomplished author and speaker, was happy to share with the Rotarian visiting from the furthest. Quite the Jane of all trades, Deirdre also teaches weekly bootcamp classes and convinced her husband to take her last name, both of which I found equally impressive.

And then it was on to the final inning (see what I did there?). The aforementioned Wayne Partello is in his fifth season with the San Diego Padres. In his voyage to becoming a part of the Padres, Wayne gained an understanding of what makes San Diego such a special place to call home. Voted the number one ballpark by USA Today, Petco Park is one of the most beautiful venues in sports, not to mention one of the best public/private partnerships in athletics. Not only is it the home of the Padres, it's also the home of San Diego, serving as a world class year-round venue for sports and entertainment alike.

This season, the Padres will celebrate the 20th anniversary as National League Champions, as well as Trevor Hoffman's induction into the Hall of Fame. The Padres will also continue their active involvement in San Diego charities. Sounds like a homerun!

Do you have a change of address? Changed jobs recently or have a new title?

If there are any changes in your contact information that you would like to make for the 2018-19 member directory, please contact the [Rotary office](#) no later than April 13, to ensure its inclusion.

CALENDAR

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT LIBERTY STATION CONFERENCE CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

March

29 Mercy Outreach Surgical Team (MOST)

April

5 Dr. Ron Swaisgood, San Diego Zoo Global

12 Bob Brewer, former Soviet Spy prosecutor

GROTARIAN EVENTS

The All-New Jackie Robinson Family YMCA

151 YMCA Way, SD 92102

April 24 5:30-7:30 pm

Cost: \$20 per person

Join the Grotarians for a tour of the all-new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA that just re-opened with a completely renovated and expanded facility! The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA has been serving the Southeast San Diego community since 1943. We will tour the new amazing sports complex, gym, and community center. After the tour, we will enjoy some good food and non-alcoholic drinks, while we socialize with fellow Rotarians.

[Click here](#) to register.

Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH COMPETITION

Two Club 33 Four Way Speech Contestants

Move Forward to the Regionals Speech Competition

Six students from our Rotary Club 33 Four Way Speech Contests competed against other high school students in the Sub-Regional District Speech Contests (San Diego and Imperial County) and did an outstanding job representing our club. The competition was fierce. Two students, one from Hoover Interact Club and one from Our Lady of Peace Academy Interact Club, are moving forward to the next level of competition - the Regionals - after placing 1st in their respective contest! Congratulations students!

Save the date for the District Finals to be held at our club meeting on April 26 beginning at 11:45 a.m.

The students representing our club are:

Sub-regional Contest at Old Mission Rotary Club – **1st place** was **Kaseba Chibweth (OLP)**

Sub-regional Contest at La Jolla Sunrise Rotary Club – **1st place** was **Emily Sabory (Hoover)**

We hope that you will come to the next levels of competition and support our speakers.

Regionals South Contest – April 11, 2018 7:00 a.m. San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary Club - The University Club – Symphony Towers 750 B Street, Suite 3400, San Diego, CA 92101

Regionals North Contest - April 19, 2018 noon - Rotary Club of Fallbrook Grand Tradition - 220 Grand Tradition Way, Fallbrook, California 92028

Please let [Jan McDonough](#) know that you are coming so that we can alert the hosting Rotary Clubs of the number of guests.



(Left) Students participating in the sub-regional contest held at the La Jolla Sunrise Club; (right) Winner Emily Sabory (center) with Club 33 and Hoover Interact supporters.

FACES IN THE CROWD



Showing their Padres spirit! (Left) President Bob with his son Bobby; (right) guest speaker Wayne Partello, Chair of the Day Deirdre Maloney, and President Bob.



(Left) Mike Rowan, Toni Giffin, Wayne Goodermote, Chuck Pretto, and Anthony Pretto; (right) loyal Padres fan Gary Nelson



(Left) Patti Roscoe with Andrea Anderson, Coordinator for the Padres Community Outreach; (right) **Chris Sichel** is super excited he was the winner of our Padres ticket raffle!



Fines! Fines! Fines! (Left) Paul Hartley shared he was awarded the 2017 Agent of the Year for the Point Loma-Ocean Beach Realty Association; (right) Ben Clay promoted an SDSU Live event with the San Diego Symphony.



MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Thank you to our Military Affairs Committee for arranging another outstanding breakfast and BBQ for our troops! They served approximately 350 service members at the USO Neil Ash Airport Center on Tuesday, March 20. A special thanks to Club 33 member **Kathy Koenig** of Culinary Concepts for amazing (and ginormous!) cookies.

